

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1640**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : James B. Dale  
Application No. : 10/780,106  
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For : GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL VACCINES

Examiner : Sarvamangala J.N. Devi, Ph.D.  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116 AND 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2007, please extend the time for response one (1) month to expire on April 4, 2008. A Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.